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## **Senate approves bill to expand 49<sup>th</sup> circuit**

LANSING – The Michigan Senate today voted to increase judgeships in Mecosta and Osceola counties, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

“Adding a judgeship in Mecosta and Osceola counties would better serve the residents there,” said McManus, a supporter of the bill. “As caseloads continue to increase, it is important the 49<sup>th</sup> circuit expand to meet the area’s growing needs.”

Senate Bill 907 would add a second circuit judge to the 49<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, which serves Mecosta and Osceola counties. The 49<sup>th</sup> circuit is currently served by just one judge. Expanding the circuit will assure the residents a more efficient and timely judicial process.

The bill now goes before the House of Representatives for consideration.

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